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FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE GEARED TO PARA 2 REFTEL:

(A) EMBASSY RECOMMENDS ACCOMMODATIONS AT EITHER HOTEL MERIDIEN OR INTERCONTINENTAL. FORMER IS MODERN, LARGE HOTEL AT PORTE MAILLOT -- 10 MINUTE TAXI OR METRO RIDE TO CHANCERY, AND LATTER, WALKING DISTANCE.

(B) AS SPECIAL RATE TO EMBASSY, MERIDIEN CHARGES 235 FRANCS (\$50 AT TODAY'S RATE OF EXCHANGE - 4.74 FRANCS TO DOLLAR) FOR SINGLE, 275 FRANCS (\$58) FOR DOUBLE; INTERCONTINENTAL: 230 FRANCS (\$49) FOR SINGLE, 290 FRANCS (\$61) FOR DOUBLE. THESE FIGURES INCLUDE SERVICE AND TAX BUT NOT RPT NOT BREAKFAST. WITH PER DIEM \$76, DEPARTMENT MAY WISH CONSIDER, AS IT DID IN VIENNA CONSULAR CONFERENCES LAST YEAR, AUTHORIZING "QUARTERS PLUS." IF THIS DONE, HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE ONLY FOR RESERVATIONS AT CONFERENCE HOTEL AGREED ON.

MERIDIEN HAS GIVEN US A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT ON SPACE BEGINNING ON OR ABOUT APRIL 8 THROUGH APRIL 28. UNFORTUNATELY, INTERCONTINENTAL CANNOT ACCOMMODATE US UNTIL
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APRIL 10. HOTELS ARE VERY TIGHT THROUGH APRIL, ESPECIALLY DUE TO READY-TO-WEAR SHOWINGS TAKING PLACE HERE IN APRIL. DEPARTMENT THEREFORE REQUESTED ADVISE EMBASSY BY COB PARIS TIME FRIDAY, MARCH 10 DEPARTMENT'S CHOICE OF TWO HOTELS SUGGESTED SO WE MAY LOCK IN THE RESERVATIONS NOW. IF INTERCONTINENTAL SELECTED, MERIDIEN WOULD ACCOMMODATE PARTICIPANTS FOR DAY OR TWO NECESSARY

BEFORE MOVING TO INTERCONTINENTAL.

(C) EMBASSY PLANNING FIRST AND THIRD SESSION IN EMBASSY AUDITORIUM AND EE PORTION IN PERSHING ROOM, SMALLER CONFERENCE ROOM (NURSES CONFERENCE WITH 50-60 PARTICIPANTS SCHEDULED FOR AUDITORIUM APRIL 17-21). PHYSICAL ARRANGEMENTS WITHIN MEETING ROOMS WILL BE CAREFULLY THOUGHT OUT, WITH OPTIMUM EMPHASIS ON INFORMALITY; SMALLER ROOMS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WORKSHOPS (PROBABLY EMPTY OFFICES). IN THE EVENT THAT THE USOECD WHICH WAS JUST BURNED OUT OF ITS OFFICES ELECTS TO MOVE TO THE EMBASSY AUDITORIUM, OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE CONSULAR CONFERENCES WILL HAVE TO BE MADE.

(D) CONSULAR SECTION WILL DESIGNATE SEPARATE CONTROL/NOTE TAKER OFFICER FOR EACH SESSION. EMBASSY PLANS FOR OTHER CONSULAR OFFICERS TO AUDIT APPROPRIATE PARTS OF CONFERENCES SO THAT ALL WILL BENEFIT FROM THE PROCEEDINGS.

(E) PHOTOGRAPHIC ARRANGEMENTS ON FIRST DAY ARE TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED.

(F) EMBASSY WILL MEET WASHINGTON PARTICIPANTS BUT REQUESTS DEPARTMENT ADVISE POSTS THAT IT UNABLE TO MAKE INDIVIDUAL MEETING ARRANGEMENTS FOR OTHER PARTICIPANTS.
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POSTS SHOULD BE INFORMED THAT TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORTS TO CENTRAL PARIS IS MOST ADEQUATE, INCLUDING REGULARLY SCHEDULED BUSES AND AVAILABLE TAXIS. AIRPORT BUSES PROCEED TO MAILLOT TERMINAL FROM WHICH PLACE PARTICIPANTS MAY OBTAIN TAXIS TO HOTEL.
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